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TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SN

SUBJECT: VISIT OF LEE KUAN YEW

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY WHITE HOUSE THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAS AGREED TO OFFICE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER LEE AND TO HOST DINNER IN HIS HONOR SAME EVENING. WHITE HOUSE TENTATIVELY PROPOSES MAY 8.

2. FOREGOING WAS CONVEYED TO AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO JAN. 28, FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRIME MINISTER. DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED REGRET AT LONG DELAY IN RESPONDING TO PRIME MINISTER AND HOPED PROPOSED DATE WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO LEE EVEN THOUGH IT NOT HIS FIRST CHOICE.

3. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH GOS AS APPROPRIATE. IF DATE STILL ACCEPTABLE TO GOS, DEPARTMENT WILL SEEK CONFIRMATION OF DATE FROM WHITE HOUSE.

4. FYI: IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER ORAL INVITATION FROM THE SECRETARY TO VISIT WASHINGTON (CONVEYED THROUGH AMBASSADOR MONTEIRO IN OCTOBER 1974) PRIME MINISTER HAD PROPOSED TO VISIT WASHINGTON DURING PERIOD APRIL 19-22 OR MAY 6-10, WHILE ENROUTE TO OR FROM COMMONWEALTH PRIME
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MINISTER'S CONFERENCE IN JAMAICA. PRIME MINISTER HAD

INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR EARLIER DATE. END FYI. KISSINGER

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